GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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COST PRICE OF ALUMINIUM
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether six ton bauxiate produce one ton aluminium;

(b) if so, the cost price of one ton aluminium produced by NALCO;

(c) whether the cost price of one ton aluminium of Australian and other countries are higher than that of one ton aluminium cost price of India; and

(d) the reasons for importing aluminium from other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) The production of aluminium from bauxite depends on the content of alumina in the bauxite. In the case of NALCO,6 tonnes of bauxite produce 1 tonne of aluminium.

(b) The cost price of one tonne of aluminium produced by NALCO during 1999-2000 was Rs. 48,606/-.

(c) The comparative cost of some aluminium plants for the year 1999-2000(or 2000) is given below:-

Plant/Country	Cost of production (US$)
NALCO, ANGUL, INDIA	1054
MOZAL, MOZAMBIQUE	959
TOMAGO, AUSTRALIA	1126
ALBA, BAHRAIN	1107
KARMOY 2, NORWAY	1190
ALCOA TENNESSEE A, USA	1232

(d) The import and export of aluminium is under Open General Licence (OGL) as per the Export-Import Policy of the Government.As per the information available, the export of aluminium during the year 1999-2000 was more than its import .